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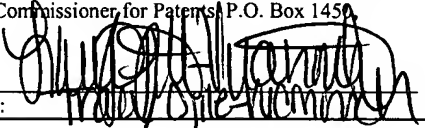
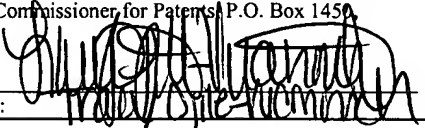
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information are copies of the two International Search Reports. Applicant(s) note(s) reference(s) U.S. Patent No.(s) 5,263,480 and 5,292,344 also listed in the search report was/were previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 2, 2004.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	2002/0087192 A1	07/04/2002	Barrett et al.				
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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	1 004 330 A1	05/31/2000	EP				
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